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1. On 29 October 1953, the Loewen Kaserne and the Adler Kaserne, Doeberitz, were lightly occupied by a total of about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. On 28 October, T-34 tanks were seen leaving the installation. Two tank sheds were occupied to capacity by 25 T-34/85 tanks. Between 26 and 29 October, about 280 troops with baggage were seen marching to the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. On 27 October, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage arrived at the Loewen Kaserne. A newly arrived soldier stated that the unit had come from Cottbus. Troops observed engaged in fatigue duty. 2

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3. At about 11:45 a.m. on 7 November, about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, carrying a wreath and preceded by a military band of about 30 soldiers left Altes Lager and marched to the Soviet cemetery near Dallgow via Hamburger Chaussee.
4. At about 6 p.m. on 4 November, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage and rolled blankets were entrained in 7 converted boxcars at the Dallgow railroad station. At 1:15 a.m. on 7 November, a shipment of about 14 converted boxcars escorted by a detail of about 10 troops arrived at the Dallgow railroad station and, at about 9 p.m. on 13 November, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered epaulets and carrying baggage were entrained in 7 converted boxcars. 2

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5. Troop trains observed at the Dallgow railroad station included:

31 October. A 122-mm field howitzer, which was towed away by truck [] and 2 x 57-mm AT guns were unloaded from a train which had arrived from the direction of Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

1 November. A shipment of 17 converted boxcars which, on 29 October, had left toward Himmelpfort, arrived from the direction of Fuerstenberg.

About 150 unarmed troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage and escorted by the same officer which had been observed with the preceding shipments toward Himmelpfort, were entrained and left toward Himmelpfort.

3. November. A shipment of 8 converted boxcars escorted by 1 officer and 12 EM arrived from the direction of Fuerstenberg. The converted boxcars and the escorting detail were the same which, on 1 November, had left toward Himmelpfort.

4 November. About 400 unarmed troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage were entrained in 17 converted boxcars and escorted by the abovementioned detail, left toward Himmelpfort [] about 400 troops in 7 converted boxcars had arrived at the Wustermarshaling yard from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and, after unloading, had left toward Doeberitz through the fields.

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7 November. A shipment of 17 converted boxcars, escorted by a detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived from the direction of Himmelpfort. []

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A shipment of 1 boxcar loaded with ration supplies [] arrived from the direction of Fuerstenberg and was unloaded. About 150 unarmed troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying baggage and escorted by a detail of 1 officer and 10 EM were entrained and left toward Himmelpfort under shuttle train []

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9 November. Eight converted boxcars arrived from the direction of Himmelpfort.

10 November. About 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an escort party of about 20 troops were loaded on 17 converted boxcars and left toward Himmelpfort. 2

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6. On 7 November, about 200 troops, carrying baggage and coming from Altes Lager, were entrained in 10 to 12 boxcars at the Dallgow railroad station and, at about 5:30 p.m. were towed toward the Marshaling yard by a small Diesel locomotive. 2

7. [] in Altes Lager []
[] Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. []
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1. [] Comment. Although the strength figures for the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne [] of paragraph 1 are always below strength estimates [] it is possible that the occupation in the Loewen Kaserne had decreased in late October, as [] elements of the 19th Mecz Regt left the installation on 26 October and had not yet returned on 28 October. [] It is, however, believed that all troops had returned to their installation by 7 November, the anniversary of the October Revolution.

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2. [] Comment. The information on the departure of discharges and the arrival of recruits continues previous information [] It could be determined that the assembly and distribution point of the Second Gds Mecz Army, this year, is located in the barracks installation on Castaven Lake near Fuerstenberg, with Himmelport as railroad station.

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6. [] Comment. [] the restrictions on town leave for officers and EM of the Doeberitz post had been imposed on 9 October 1953.

7. [] Comment. According to weapons observed, the 294th Mort Regt (US) of the 1st Mecz Div can be confirmed in Altes Lager, Doeberitz, until 7 November 1953.

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- 25X1 8. [] on 6 November, the cantonment at Hasenheidenberg was occupied only by a guard detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Neither weapons nor vehicles were seen in the cantonment area.
- 25X1 9. On 6 November, the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne were heavily occupied [] Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area. 1
- 25X1 10. On 6 November, all was quiet at the Doeberitz training area. No exercises or firing practices were observed.
- [] 11. Loadings observed at the Dallgow railroad station included:
- 30 October. Twelve tank trucks and about 200 to 220 air force personnel with baggage were loaded on 12 flatcars with sideracks and 10 boxcars. The troops included 40 to 50 troops, who arrived from the direction of Falkensee on 2 trucks, and 60 to 70 troops, who arrived from the direction of Staaken on 3 trucks. The others had come from the direction of Elstal.
- 4 November. About 400 troops with baggage were loaded on 20 boxcars. Some of the troops had arrived by foot and the others on 16 trucks []
- 25X1 [] from the direction of Altes and Neues Lager. []
- A railroadman stated that the troops were shuttled to Frankfurt/Oder. These shuttle trains allegedly returned from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder with new troops in the early morning hours after 2 a.m. A total of more than 1,000 troops had allegedly been shuttled to Dallgow. 2
- 25X1 12. In October, [] construction orders for Altes Lager were issued by the Potsdam komendatura, with each 2 copies being forwarded to the Falkensee special construction bureau.
- 25X1 13. Between 15 October and 7 November [] Altes Lager was occupied by Unit Vasilyev, [] and Unit Polischuk, [] 5
- 25X1 14. During the period under review, [] the restrictions on town leave had been partly lifted in Doeberitz. Trained personnel were permitted to leave the installations until 11 p.m. 6
15. An undetermined number of troops almost daily received instruction on light, medium and heavy mortars in Altes Lager and tanks engaged in driving practice in Neues Lager during the period under review. 7
- 25X1 16. On 7 November, about 600 to 800 troops preceded by an about 30-piece military band left Altes Lager to deposit wreaths at the cemetery on Highway No 103.

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